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## Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1873.

H. R. Linderman, Esq.,

Director of the Mint.

Sir:

In view of the provisions of the coinage act of 1873 requiring "the continued recoinage of all coins abraded below a certain limit" and of the limited facilities for coinage in the various mints now in operation it is my intention to recommend to Congress, at its next session, the reopening of the Mint at New Orleans, and I have the honor, therefore, to request that in your estimates to be submitted to Congress, at the ensuing session, you will include such an amount as you may deem necessary.



for the repairs of machinery &c. necessary to put this mint in complete working order. You will also include in your estimates a sufficient sum to provide for salaries, contingent expenses and wages of workmen for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully

Wm. A. Richardson,

Secretary

P.S. I return herewith Mr. Bonzano's report of May 6/73 referred to me by you under date of May 14/73, and send you a communication from the chief of the Ind<sup>y</sup> Treasury Division on the subject matter of this letter

Wm. A. Richardson,

Secretary